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TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449;
3. 11 References; and
4. A Return Receipt Postcard.

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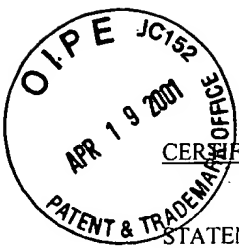
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

This information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Applicants wish to disclose the following information:

REFERENCES

- ☒ The Applicants wish to make of record the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☒ Listed on the attached PTO form 1449 is information known to persons substantively involved in the preparation of the application identified above, and is not a representation that more pertinent information does not exist.

- ☒ The identification of any information herein is not intended to be, and should not be understood as being, an admission that such information, in fact, constitutes "prior art" within the meaning of applicable law. The "prior art" status of any information is a matter to be resolved during prosecution.

CERTIFICATION

- ☐ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☐ No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- ☒ This information disclosure statement is being filed within three months of the filing of the within application and/or **prior to a first Office Action** on the merits being received.

PETITION

- ☒ Applicants hereby request consideration of the attached information.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- ☐ A check is attached in the amount of \$ _____ required under 37 § 1.17(p).
- ☒ It is not believed that any fee is required relating to the filing of this information disclosure statement. If this is not the case, the patent office is hereby authorized to charge any related fee to **Deposit Account No. 03-0172**.

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